

Southwest Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 19, 2024
6:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southwest ISD was held Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Building No. 800, 11914 Dragon Lane, San Antonio, TX.

The following Trustees were present: *Florinda Bernal, Daniel Carrillo, Jose Diaz, James Gonzalez, Ida Sudolcan, James Sullivan Jr., and Sylvester Vasquez Jr.*

The following Trustees were absent: *None*

I. Call meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board President, Sylvester Vasquez Jr.

II. Invocation and Pledges to Allegiance

Roger Campos gave the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

III. Recognitions

The following Southwest ISD students were recognized as students of the month for their outstanding leadership and achievements: Alaina Salazar-Hidden Cove Steam Academy, Makayla Day-Resnik Middle School, and Sarah Hernandez-Southwest Legacy High School.

Rising Star Attendance recognitions went to Cecilia Morales of Southwest Elementary, Dominik Sanchez-Gonzales of Scobee MS, and Diego Carrasco of CAST STEM HS

The Fine Arts Christmas card winners were Kamryn Howell of Kriewald School of the Arts, Zoe Serrano of McNair MS, and Arianna Vasquez of Southwest Legacy HS. Winners were awarded a gift card for \$125 each.

Mr. Campos announced that the Southwest ISD and South San ISD 2024 Blue Santa annual event will be held on Saturday December 14, 2024. Mr. Richard Flores announced the winners of the Blue Santa poster contest:

Middle School

1st Place: Student: Jesse Velasquez - McAuliffe MS Teacher: Veronica Gonzalez-Hernandez

2nd Place: Student: Andrea Huerta - McNair MS Teacher: Monica Guerra

3rd Place: Student: Kendall Herring - McNair MS Teacher: Monica Guerra

Honorable Mention: Student: Jazlynn Lopez - Scobee MS Teacher: Teresa Gutierrez

Elementary School 3-5

1st Place: Student: Ariana Renteria - Bob Hope Elem - Teacher: Alex Gil

2nd Place: Student: Geraldine Rodriguez - Bob Hope Elem - Teacher: Alex Gil

3rd Place: Student: Laila Balderas - Indian Creek Elem - Teacher: Gustavo Menendez

Honorable Mention: Student: Angeles Diaz - Indian Creek Elem - Teacher: Gustavo Menendez

Elementary School K-2

1st Place: Student: Nathaniel Stoot - Bob Hope Elem - Teacher: Alex Gil

2nd Place: Student: Antonio Luna Jr. - Bob Hope Elem - Teacher: Alex Gil

3rd Place: Student: Mason Cano - Kriewald Elem - Claudia Cardenas

Honorable Mention: Student: Brielle Paredes - Kriewald Elem - Claudia Cardenas

Teacher Apple Awards

The district honored our dedicated teachers who have made significant strides in helping students reach critical academic goals. The Teacher Apple award was presented to those teachers whose commitment directly contributed to achieving SWISD's student achievement benchmarks, which serve as a core measure of our district's success:

• **90%**

Board President Vasquez announced a short break for refreshments in honor of those recognized at the Board meeting.

IV. Public comments and/or comments related to posted agenda items.

There were no citizens signed up to address the Board.

V. Consent Agenda

V.A. Review approval of minutes:

V.A.1. Regular meeting of October 15, 2024

V.A.2. Special meeting of November 5, 2024

This meeting was canceled

V.B. Consider approval of overnight trips.

V.B.1. Southwest Legacy High School Tennis competing in the Duncanville Tennis Tournament.

V.B.2. SWHS Boys Soccer to compete in the 2025 Georgetown Governor's Cup Showcase.

V.B.3. CAST STEM - 2024-2025 CAST STEM High School Overnight Trip to Mexico City.

V.B.4. CAST STEM- CAST STEM High School 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Leakey, Texas.

V.B.5. SWHS - Consider approval of Southwest High School NJROTC 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to Corpus Christi, Texas.

V.B.6. SWHS - Consider approval of the Southwest High School NJROTC 2024-2025 Overnight Trip to College Station, Texas.

V.B.7. BCE and HCSA - Consider approval of overnight trip for the 5th grade students of Big Country Elementary and Hidden Cove Steam Academy to attend Outdoor Education at YMCA Camp Twin Lakes.

V.B.8. Southwest Legacy High School Softball to compete in the 2025 Gregory Portland Wildcat Classic.

V.B.9. SWHS Softball to compete in the 2025 NFHS Lead Off Classic Bryan/College Station.

V.C. Board amendment

V.D. Consider approval of 2025 Designated Non-Business Days for TPIA's.

V.E. Consider approval of contract for MSB Consulting Group.

V.F. Consider approval of the 2024-2025 Secondary New Courses

V.G. Consider approval of the certified tax roll.

V.H. Consider approval of change order for ANEW as part of RFP 2122-125 Mental Health Services, Resources, and Training.

V.I. Consider Approval of City of San Antonio Department of Human Services Afterschool Challenge Program Funding

Board action: *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Bernal seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VI. Items of Information

VI.A. Construction update

Updates on Central Office and Bob Hope Elementary were presented.

VI.B. Monthly tax report

VI.C. Monthly financial report

VI.D. Monthly investment report

VI.E. Report on gifts & bequests

VI.F. Enrollment report

VI.G. Review purchases over \$50,000

VI.H. Discussion of Intruder Detection Audit Findings

Mr. Figueroa, Executive Director for Safety and Security, shared a brief summary of required information to be discussed in closed session.

VI.I. First read to update the board policy DEC (LOCAL).

Frances Barcenez, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Human Resources, presented information on DEC(LOCAL)-COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS, LEAVES AND ABSENCES.

VII. Administration & Human Resources

VII.A. Consider the approval of the amendment to the District of Innovation Plan.

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the amendment to the District of Innovation Plan allowing the district flexibility in selecting the day to begin the school year annually through the calendar adoption process and flexibility in mandatory placements of E-cigarettes as presented. Mrs. Bernal seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VII.B. Consider approval of the SWISD 2025-2026 School Calendar (for comprehensive schools).

Board action: *Mr. Sullivan moved to approved the 2025-2026 SWISD school calendar as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII. Business & Finance

VIII.A. Consider approval of construction materials testing for Juan Alvarado Elementary Project.

Board action: *Mr. Sullivan moved to approve the construction materials testing for the Juan Alvarado Elementary project as presented. Mrs. Bernal seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII.B. Consider approval of Architectural Services for the District Wide Fencing Project.

Board action: *Mr. Gonzalez moved to approve the architectural services for the district wide fencing project as presented. Mr. Diaz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII.C. Consider approval of design development drawings for the Southwest Legacy High School Additions Project.

Board action: *Mrs. Sudolcan moved to approve the design development drawings for the Southwest Legacy High School additions project. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII.D. Consider approval of Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for Package #1 for Kriewald Road School of the Arts Renovation Project.

Board action: *Mr. Carrillo moved to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price for package #1 on the Kriewald Road School of the Arts renovation project as presented. Mr. Gonzalez seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

VIII.E. Consider approval of Southwest Legacy High School Roof Repair Project.

Board action: *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the Southwest Legacy High School roof repair project as presented. Mrs. Sudolcan seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

IX. Curriculum & Instruction

There were no items for approval under this section.

X. Special Programs

There were no items for approval under this section.

XI. Closed session

As permitted by Sections, 551.001-551.146 of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Law).

President Vasquez announced as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.001-551.146, the Board would convene in closed session at 7:42 p.m.

XI.A. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, discussion on personnel and administrator employment, resignations, reassignments, leaves of absence, contract renewals.

XI.B. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.076 and 551.089, discussion on Intruder Detection Audit report findings and related safety items.

XII. Convene in open session and take appropriate action on items discussed in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:41 p.m.

XII.A. Consider approval of Superintendent's recommendations on personnel and administrator employment, resignations, reassignments, leaves of absence, contract renewals

Board action: *Mrs. Bernal moved to approve the Superintendent's recommendation on personnel employment, resignations, reassignments, leaves of absence, and contract renewals as discussed in closed session. Mr. Diaz seconded the motion. All members voted in favor; the motion carried.*

XIII. Other business

Superintendent Dr. Ball mentioned the introduction of the Police K9 at Kriewald Road School of the Arts and gave a special thank you to Joeris General Contractors for their generous gift of providing turkeys for all district employees.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Presiding Officer

Secretary